

# Editorial

## Atticus the Hero

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Last week a heinous incident happened in the town of Maycomb. An innocent man, Tom Robinson was falsely accused of raping Mayella Ewell. The lies of this case sentenced him to a cruel death. His death was caused by seventeen shots after trying to escape from jail. He left behind a wife and children. This tragedy leaves me hurt and bereaved. I pray that God will have mercy on these people who did this dreadful thing and give Tom Robinson's family strength to deal with their loss.

This situation seems to only have a bad side but it also reveals a lesson to all of us. This event teaches us about integrity. Atticus Finch has earned my respect by showing integrity throughout the case. Atticus is a white man who defended Tom Robinson, a black man. In this town it's unusual for a white man to even talk to someone black. For this Atticus received such a great deal of criticism. Atticus has been threatened, contradicted by many people, and almost lost his kids because of being true to himself. I applaud and praise Atticus for this.

As told in Mr. Underwood's editorial, Atticus was confronted by a mob of men. Atticus was sitting in front of Maycomb's jail then, four cars pulled up and headed toward the jail doors. Atticus blocked the door from these men because he knew they were plotting to lynch Tom Robinson. While he was blocking the doors, his kids, Jem and Jean Louise, confronted the men and told them to leave their dad alone. Thankfully they were there. If they weren't I don't know what could have happened and neither does Atticus. That didn't even stop him. He was willing to risk his life for somebody else's. Atticus is very brave and shows characteristics that even I don't always show.

In addition to Atticus' problems, him, Jem, and Jean Louise had to deal with many arrogant people. Atticus' kids couldn't go downtown without being bullied by Mrs. Dubose, an elderly lady. The kids would be minding their own business, and she would throw insults at these kids. She would call their dad a nigger lover and talk about his poor efforts in raising Scout. Atticus' temper did not flare one time. He always remained calm. He told his children not to bother her, and when they did he made them stand up to their responsibilities. Also, as the kids were walking home from a pageant they got attacked by Bob Ewell. I don't see why he would try to get revenge by hurting innocent children. That act was very low. Instead of taking somebody else's life, he took his own. Atticus is very brave and strong for still standing up for what he believes in, no matter what anyone does or say.

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Atticus put forth his best effort to defend Tom Robinson. He was completely honest and straight forward. He also was convincing. So convincing that it took a large amount of time for the jury to make their decision. I believe they were battling between what's right and their pride. I feel very sorry for them because now they have to live their lives with a heavy conscience.

In conclusion I thank Atticus Finch for showing integrity. He has worked so hard to bring justice to Tom Robinson. He has taught all of us a lesson on being firm on what you believe in. He is a true hero.



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